subliminal of a being already vitalised by the
subconscious life-principle and its first needs and
seekings that a surface awareness begins to form and
develop. Intrinsically the emergence of a surface
consciousness by force of life contacts is due to the
fact that in both subject and object of the contact
consciousness-force is already existent in a sub-
liminal latency: when the life-principle is ready,
sufficiently sensitive in the subject, the recipient of
the contact, this subliminal consciousness emerges in
a response to the stimulus which begins to constitute
a vital or life mind, the mind of the animal, and
then, in the course of the evolution, a thinking
intelligence. The secret consciousness is rendered
into surface sensation and perception, the secret
force into surface impulse.

If this underlying subliminal consciousness were
to come itself to the surface, there would be a direct
meeting between the consciousness of the subject
and the contents of the object and the result would
be a direct knowledge; but this is not possible, first
because of the veto or obstruction of the Incon-
science and, secondly, because the evolutionary
intention is to develop slowly through an imperfect
but growing surface awareness. The

secret con-
sciousness-force has therefore to limit itself to
imperfect renderings in a surface vital and mental
vibration and operation and is forced by the
absence, holding back or insufficiency of the direct
awareness to develop organs and instincts for an
indirect knowledge. This creation of an external